

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

This is the second time this year that my local Sinclair-owned ABC affiliate has promoted its political agenda rather than serve the interests of America. I have already stopped watching ABC and have voiced my opposition to this type of abuse of power back in February when Nightline was preempted because Sinclair did not like the content, to both you and my local affiliate. Now I once more ask you to use your regulatory power to stop the propagandizing. You are the guardians of the media. Please stop the abuse of the power Sinclair's money gives them to influence public opinion to meet their own agenda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.